

From the Editorial Board

The large international editorial board is happy to present the first issue of the new interdisciplinary psychological journal — LURIAN JOURNAL. This is an important event in the international psychological life.

The new magazine must move away from repeating the great contributions of Luria. As it was said, “not moving forward is going backwards” (in Latin: “non progredi est regredi”). It does not mean, the journal should cut off the roots, forget about tradition. However, this does not exclude the possibility of advanced research and publication of interesting results. This new journal will be not about Luria’s works but about his systemic approach: this is a journal focused on a specific approach in psychology. The journal will expose different aspects of the same theory and how the neo Lurian professionals revisit Luria’s thoughts and use it in their practices.

The great value of Luria’s ideas, as part of what is called a “cultural-historical theory” is that it is entirely relevant to the movements we see called by such names as “cultural neurosciences”, “cultural-cognitive science”, as well as “cultural neuropsychology”. These modes of thought all accept the idea of development emerging from the intertwining of phylogenetic, cultural — historical, ontogenetic, and microgenetic processes. Thus, Luria’s systemic approach serves as a meta theory for a broad bio-social, cultural-historical understanding of humans.

We should never forget the brain and its neural connections, the individual, social and cultural mind, and individual, social and cultural self, as it was stated by Luria. Luria always had the brain as a reference.

We see the magazine as a way to promote Luria’s approach, without falling into a conceptual myopia. The journal should be a creative and constructive project, that looks to the future, that advances taking the attitude of Alexander Romanowich Luria towards science. Reading the list of Luria’s publications makes us aware of a wide range of his interests: from the cerebral location of mental functions, through methods of rehabilitation and education, cognitive processing, issues of language, intellectual development or the impact of culture on human development, to intercultural research.

This new journal will be a vehicle to develop Luria’s ideas in different areas, including not only theoretical but also clinical questions. The journal would like to see articles that focus on the methodological principles that develop the ideas of A. R. Luria in modern research.

People all over the world will share new ideas about Luria’s theory. It is an important opportunity to share experiences and to learn new ways of thinking and working with an approach so interesting and important in the psychology.

Probably one of the objectives of the journal is to capture the consistency and chronology of neuropsychology development. Moreover, Luria’s ideas are of crucial importance for modern neuropsycholinguistics. What A. Luria discovered by, among other things, scientific intuition, is now possible to verify it using modern technologies.

We consider that the journal should represent the new trends in neuroscience and neuropsychology however aligned with the Luria’s methodology and ideas. The journal will take into account the cultural and social aspects of neuropsychology.

The magazine is also an instrument to spread the work of great Russian scientists who worked with, or influenced Luria (Anokhin, Sokolov, Polyakov, Bernstein, Vygotski, Leontiev, Halperin, Zeigarnik et al.). Obviously, without forgetting his students.

An important and attractive part of the new journal could be the problem of development of higher mental functions, where the ideas of Vygotsky and Luria are closely intertwined and which is a primordial trend of the cultural-historical psychology. As Luria and Vygotsky claimed, a work with a defect should not be a defectology, but a surmounting, an interdisciplinary help to children and adults with special needs. We also welcome articles about relation between neuropsychology and education.

It is important to analyze how the patient represent and what he is doing with own troubled mind (psychology of pathology instead of pathology of psyche).

These different topics may contribute to the journal becoming cross-disciplinary and attractive for various groups of readers.

The authors should be encouraged to submit the following kinds of articles:

1. *Original articles* — reports of previously unpublished results from scientific experiments or observations conducted by the authors in order to confirm or refute a clearly identified hypothesis.
2. *Research methodology* — authorial discussions of methodologies, important issues, controversies, and schools of thought in different areas of psychology.
3. *Case studies* — involving an up-close, in-depth, and detailed examination of a particular case. Case study research can mean single and multiple case studies, can include quantitative evidence, relies on multiple sources of evidence, and benefits from the prior development of theoretical propositions. Case studies may involve both qualitative and quantitative research method.
4. *Review papers & Open Forum* — reports on the current state of knowledge in a given area or field of study, especially current controversies, theoretical and practical approaches to the issues, unresolved problems, etc., with carefully selected references to the literature.

In addition, we mind that all --papers should include some reference of A. R. Luria's work, cultural historical approach and activity theory authors and relation between modern state of development of psychology and neuropsychology.

To conclude, Luria's approach and ideas will distinguish this journal among others; will bring new senses and meanings. It should never be the magazine of "a group of Lurianist friends" (or "uncultured" pseudo-lurianists, who don't really know Luria's work). Our editorial board is a group of very critical and creative scientists who take Luria as a methodological reference. The journal will develop original Lurian ideas, and show their significance in the light of new discoveries, recent references, topics of interest, appropriate methodology. Today when we see a lot of empirical data thanks to new research techniques, there is a real value in systemic-dynamic approach for seeing a wider picture. New headings can be created according to readers' requests. This journal will be always open for new ideas.